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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1977

NEW YORK TIMES

LAURA FOREMAN FROM BRASILIA

NOTE: INSIDE, NO PICTURE.

HEADLINE: "MRS. CARTER KEEPS STRESS ON RIGHTS."

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER SAID TODAY THAT SHE WAS NOT MINIMI-
ZING THE TOPIC OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HER TALKS WITH LEADERS
OF BRAZIL, A COUNTRY WHOSE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HAVE
BEEN STRAINED OVER THAT SUBJECT."

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WASHINGTON POST

SUSANNA MCBEE FROM BRASILIA

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HUSBAND'S 'DEEP, DEEP COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS' IN TALKS
WITH BRAZILIAN LEADERS."

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CHERYL ARVIDSON FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER SAYS SHE STRESSED HER HUSBAND'S 'DEEP, DDP COMMITMENT' TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN HER TALKS WITH PRESIDENT ERNESTO GEISEL, BUT APPEARED TO GO OUT OF HER WAY TO AVOID OFFENDING BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS IN HER PUBLIC REMARKS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- SHE CONFERRED FOR AN HOUR TUESDAY WITH GEISEL IN MEETING "THAT EXCLUDED TWO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING HER."

-- MRS. CARTER SAID SHE TALKED EXTENSIVELY TO GEISEL ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THEY DISCUSSED NEW RASH OF STUDENT PROTESTS OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC ASPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN BRAZIL.

-- SHE TOLD NEWS CONFERENCE SHE HAD ONLY "GLANCED" AT STUDENT LETTER BUT "I WILL TAKE IT BACK TO JIMMY PERSONALLY AND I'M SURE HE WILL BE GLAD TO RECEIVE THE PERSPECTIVE
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OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE FROM THE STUDENTS."

-- SHE DENIED TAKING THE LETTER TO HER HUSBAND WAS ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH BRAZIL'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

-- MRS. CARTER GOES TODAY TO RECIFE, WHERE TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES "ARE PROTESTING THEIR MISTREATMENT DURING A 3-DAY JAILING LAST MONTH."

-- HER STAFF SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR HER TO VISIT THE MISSIONARIES, BUT MRS. CARTER MADE IT CLEAR SHE KNEW THE DETAILS OF THE SITUATION. SHE SAID THE USG HAD SENT A "NOTE OF CONCERN" TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES, WHO RESPONDED BY ARRESTING THE OFFICERS WHO HELD THE MISSIONARIES AND BY LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION. MRS. CARTER SAID DESPITE OUR CONCERN THE INCIDENT HAD HAD NO EFFECT ON HER TRIP TO RECIFE.

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CHERYL ARVIDSON FROM RECIFE

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER AGREED TODAY TO MEET WITH TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WHO WERE JAILED AND HELD INCOMMUNI-

CADO FOR THREE DAYS IN AN ACTION THAT PROMPTED THE U.S. TO FILE A 'NOTE OF CONCERN' WITH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES."

OTHER POINTS:

-- MRS. CARTER CHANGED HER SCHEDULE TO CONFER WITH THE U.S. MISSIONARIES AT THE U.S. CONSULATE IN RECIFE BEFORE HEADING FOR BEACHFRONT HOUSE OF MR. AND MRS. STEINER.

-- DURING FLIGHT FROM BRASILIA SHE DISCUSSED HER TALKS WITH GEISEL, DESCRIBING BOTH THOSE AT HIS OFFICE AND AT HIS RESIDENCE DURING DINNER TUESDAY AS #SOME OF THE BEST DIS-
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CUSSIONS I'VE HAD SO FAR."

-- IN THE MORNING MEETING GEISEL WANTED TO TALK U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT, MRS. CARTER SAID, "I HAD TO LET HIM KNOW IN DETAIL HOW WE FELT ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT."

-- IN THE EVENING GEISEL TOLD HER HE WANTED TO DISPENSE WITH GENERALITIES AND "GET TO THE POINT". MRS. CARTER SAID THAT WAS 'EXACTLY WHAT I WANT', AND THEY TURNED THEN TO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S DISARMAMENT POLICIES.

-- "OBSERVERS NOTED MRS. CARTER APPEARED TO GO OUT OF HER WAY DURING TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH GEISEL AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO AVOID OFFENDING BRAZIL."

AP

JURATE KAZICKAS FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "A TRIP BY ROSALYNN CARTER TO NORTHEAST BRAZIL TODAY TOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS OVERTONES ALTHOUGH U.S. OFFICIALS HADN'T PLANNED IT THAT WAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- LAST MONTH IN RECIFE TWO AMERICANS (ROSEBAUGH AND CAPUANO) WERE ARRESTED, STRIPPED, BEATEN AND HELD INCOMMUNICADO FOR THREE DAYS. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO CALL U.S. CONSULATE ON FOURTH DAY AND WERE RELEASED.

-- ASKED ABOUT IT AT NEWS CONFERENCE, MRS. CARTER SAID USG WAS "VERY CONCERNED," AND BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WAS INVESTIGATING.

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-- HER PRESS SECRETARY FIRST SAID MRS. CARTER HAD NO PLANS TO MEET WITH THE MEN BUT LATEM SAID A MEETING MIGHT BE ARRANGED.

-- STUDENT LETTER AND MRS. CARTER'S RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER NO COMMENT WAS "COP OUT" RELATED. (COVERED FULLY BY JUDY WOODRUFF ON NIGHTLY NEWS.)

-- MRS. CARTER MET WITH GEISEL 75 MINUTES AND DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS, USG POSITION ON BRAZILIAN-WEST GERMAN NUCLEAR DEAL, ECONOMICS AND "ALL OTHER PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." SHE SAID THEY HAD "VERY GOOD CONVERSATION" AND SHE MADE HER HUSBAND'S POSITION "VERY CLEAR."

REUTERS

BARRY MAY FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER HEADS FOR A BREAK WITH FRIENDS ON BRAZIL'S ATLANTIC COAST TODAY AFTER FACING THE MOST CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENT IN HER DIPLOMATIC ROLE AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S GOODWILL AMBASSADOR."

OTHER POINTS:

-- BEGIN QUOTE: 'WE'RE OVER THE HUMP', U.S. OFFICIALS SAID AS MRS. CARTER PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR RECIFE. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED MRS. CARTER'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO BRAZILIAN CAPITAL WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT OF HER TOUR. END QUOTE.

-- STRAINED U.S.-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS AND CAUSES REHASHED.

-- MRS. CARTER RECEIVED HERE "WITH WHAT OFFICIALS DESCRIBED AS CORRECT DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL" IN CONTRAST TO HER PREVIOUS VISITS ON TOUR.

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-- SHE MET WITH GEISEL FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND ALSO HAD TALKS WITH SILVEIRA.

-- AT PRESS CONFERENCE SHE "FACED TOUGH QUESTIONING FROM BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN REPORTERS ABOUT CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS STAND". SHE DENIED "ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO DICTATE TO OTHER COUNTRIES," ALSO THAT SHE WAS AVOIDING HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION IN HER MEETINGS.

ABC-TV EVENING NEWS (TUESDAY)

HARRY REASONER: "ROSALYNN CARTER MET WITH THE PRESIDENT

OF BRAZIL FOR AN HOUR TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE DETERIORATING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. DURING HER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL SHE PRESENTED HIM WITH THREE BOOKS, INCLUDING HER HUSBAND'S BOOK, "WHY NOT THE BEST?"

NBC-TV NIGHTLY NEWS (TUESDAY)

JUDY WOODRUFF: "THERE HAS BEEN MORE CRITICISM OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HERE IN BRAZIL THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY MRS. CARTER'S VISITING. IN RECENT WEEKS STUDENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AND BEEN ARRESTED. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE SHE WAS ASKED ABOUT A LETTER FROM THE STUDENTS TO HER HUSBAND."

ROSALYNN CARTER: "I DID RECEIVE THE LETTER LAST EVENING. I GLANCED AT IT BRIEFLY. I HAVE NOT STUDIED IT IN DETAIL. I WILL TAKE IT BACK TO JIMMY PERSONALLY, AND I'M SURE THAT HE WILL BE GLAD TO RECEIVE THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE FROM THE STUDENTS."

WOODRUFF: "MRS. CARTER REFUSED TO ACCUSE THE GOVERNMENT HERE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND SHE WAS ASKED IF SHE WAS AVOIDING THE ISSUE."

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ROSALYNN CARTER: "THIS CONCERNS A DETERMINATION THAT I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE. I HAVE STRESSED HERE AS WELL AS I HAVE STRESSED IN EVERY OTHER COUNTRY THE DEEP, DEEP COMMITMENT THAT WE HAVE TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS."

WOODRUFF: "THE UNIVERSITY HERE IN BRASILIA HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN DURING MRS. CARTER'S VISIT. SHE SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR MEETING WITH BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT, FORMER GENERAL ERNESTO GEISEL. THEY HAD A CUSTOMARY EXCHANGE OF GIFTS BEFORE THEY BEGAN THEIR DISCUSSION. THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF SYMBOLISM IN THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE PRESIDENT GEISEL RECENTLY SUSPENDED CONGRESS FOR TWO WEEKS WHEN THE OPPOSITION TRIED TO BLOCK ONE OF HIS PROGRAMS. MRS. CARTER HAS SAID ONE OF HER PURPOSES IN MAKING THIS TOUR IS TO ENCOURAGE DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS."

CBS-TV EVENING NEWS (TUESDAY)

DAVID DOW: "MRS. CARTER ARRIVED FOR A MEETING WITH BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT, RETIRED GENERAL ERNESTO GEISEL. SHE LATER DE-

SCRIBED THE TALKS AS A VERY GOOD CONVERSATION THAT INCLUDED DISCUSSION AT LENGTH ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. THAT ISSUE APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN TOP BILLING DURING HER VISIT FROM ANOTHER FROM ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH HELPED CHILL U.S.-

BRAZILIAN RELATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR -- DISAGREEMENTS
OVER BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR ENERGY DEAL WITH WEST GERMANY. ASIDE
FROM MRS. CARTER'S DISCUSSIONS, THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
HAS ARISEN IN AT LEAST TWO LETTERS SENT TO HER SINCE HER
ARRIVAL, ONE FROM A WOMEN'S GROUP WHICH TRIED TO APPROACH
HER HERE DURING A VISIT TO BRAZIL'S CONGRESS; THE OTHER
FROM STUDENT STRIKERS AT BRASILIA UNIVERSITY DEPLORING WHAT
THEY CALLED OPPRESSION IN BRAZIL. MRS. CARTER AVOID ANY
CRITICISM OF BRAZIL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH U.S. AND
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BRAZILIAN REPORTERS DOMINATED BY HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS."

ROSALYNN CARTER: "I HAVE STRESSED HERE AS WELL AS I HAVE
STRESSED IN EVERY OTHER COUNTRY THE DEEP, DEEP COMMITMENT
THAT WE HAVE TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS. I HAVE MET, I HAD A
VERY GOOD MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER. I HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
TODAY. AND I HAVE MADE VERY CLEAR TO THEM JIMMY'S POSI-
TION -- OUR POSITION -- ON HUMAN RIGHTS."

DOW: "ASKED IF SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD ANY FEELINGS
AGAINST THE MILITARY REGIMES OF LATIN AMERICA, MRS. CARTER
SAID THAT BOTH SHE AND THE PRESIDENT TREASURE THE DEMOCRA-
TIC VALUES WE EXPERIENCE AT HOME, AND FEEL A CLOSE ASSOCI-
ATION WITH THOSE COUNTRIES THAT SHARE THE SAME VALUES."

NBC-TV TODAY (WEDNESDAY)

SLIGHT REWORDING OF WOODRUFF PIECE ON 'NIGHTLY NEWS' WITH
FOLLOWING FILM CLIP: ROSALYNN CARTER: "MY HUSBAND AND
I BOTH TREASURE THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES THAT WE EXPERIENCE
AT HOME, AND FEEL A CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THOSE COUNTRIES
WHO SHARE OUR SAME VALUES AND PRINCIPLES." VANCE

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